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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Czech et al GROUP: 2826
SERIAL NO: 09/852,123 EXAMINER: Johannes P. Mondt
FILED: May 8, 2001
FOR: ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE PROTECTIVE STRUCTURE

Box RCE
Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

This is a request for Continued Examination (CE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

a. Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- Other _____

b. Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other Petition for an Extension of Time

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CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAIL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.10

I hereby certify that this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on May 15, 2003 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number EL818452538US addressed to the: Honorable Commissioner of Patents, P.O Box 1450, Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450.

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2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)

b. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)

c. Other _____

4. Fee Payment

a. Check in the amount of \$ 750.00 enclosed

b. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the above fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-0079.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

This amendment is in response to the Official Action dated November 15, 2002

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

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1 1. (Currently amended) An electrostatic discharge (ESD) protective structure that protects
2 an integrated circuit connected between a first voltage bus with a first supply voltage (VCC)
3 and a second voltage bus with a second supply voltage (VSS), said electrostatic discharge
4 protective structure comprising:
5 a plurality of laterally designed bipolar transistors each having a first load line
6 connected to the first voltage bus and a second load line connected to the second voltage bus,
7 wherein said first load lines are electrically parallel to one another and said second load lines